

Introduced by Senator Lowenthal

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An act to amend Section 10620 of the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1242, as introduced, Lowenthal. Urban water suppliers: urban water management plans.

Existing law requires every urban water supplier to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan, as prescribed, including a requirement that the urban water supplier coordinate the preparation of the plan with other appropriate agencies, to the extent practicable. Existing law authorizes an urban water supplier to satisfy that plan requirement by participation in areawide, regional, watershed, or basinwide urban water management planning where those plans will reduce preparation costs and contribute to the achievement of conservation and efficient water use.

This bill would authorize an urban water supplier to satisfy the urban water management plan requirement by adopting an areawide, regional, watershed, or basinwide urban water management plan prepared and adopted in accordance with existing law for an area, region, watershed, or basin that includes the service area of that urban water supplier, including, but not limited to, a plan prepared and adopted by a metropolitan water district, if the governing body of the urban water supplier determines that the plan will reduce preparation costs and contribute to the achievement of conservation and efficient water use. The bill would require the urban water supplier to coordinate the preparation of a plan or the adoption of its plan, as described above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 10620 of the Water Code is amended to
2 read:
3 10620. (a) Every urban water supplier shall prepare and
4 adopt an urban water management plan in the manner set forth in
5 Article 3 (commencing with Section 10640).
6 (b) Every person that becomes an urban water supplier shall
7 adopt an urban water management plan within one year after it
8 has become an urban water supplier.
9 (c) An urban water supplier indirectly providing water shall
10 not include planning elements in its water management plan as
11 provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 10630) that
12 would be applicable to urban water suppliers or public agencies
13 directly providing water, or to their customers, without the
14 consent of those suppliers or public agencies.
15 (d) ~~(1) An urban water supplier may satisfy the requirements~~
16 ~~of this part by participation in adopting, by resolution of its~~
17 ~~governing body, adopted by majority vote, an areawide, regional,~~
18 ~~watershed, or basinwide urban water management planning plan~~
19 ~~prepared and adopted in accordance with this part for an area,~~
20 ~~region, watershed, or basin that includes the service area of that~~
21 ~~urban water supplier, including, but not limited to, a plan~~
22 ~~prepared and adopted by a metropolitan water district, where~~
23 ~~those plans if the governing body determines that the plan will~~
24 ~~reduce preparation costs and contribute to the achievement of~~
25 ~~conservation and efficient water use.~~
26 ~~(2) Each urban water supplier shall coordinate the preparation~~
27 ~~of its plan with other appropriate agencies in the area, including~~
28 ~~other water suppliers that share a common source, water~~
29 ~~management agencies, and relevant public agencies, to the extent~~
30 ~~practicable.~~
31 (e) The urban water supplier may prepare the plan with its
32 own staff, by contract, or in cooperation with other governmental
33 agencies.
34 (f) An urban water supplier shall describe in the plan water
35 management tools and options used by that entity that will

1 maximize resources and minimize the need to import water from
2 other regions.

3 (g) *Each urban water supplier shall coordinate the*
4 *preparation of its plan or its adoption of a plan with other*
5 *appropriate agencies in the area, including other water suppliers*
6 *that share a common source, water management agencies, and*
7 *relevant public agencies, to the extent practicable.*

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